

Regular Meeting Gravette City Council

June 23, 2011

6:00 pm

401 Charlotte Street SE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 6:00 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken. Tina Crose here, Bill Howard here, Jimmy Denver absent, John Rambadt here, Melissa Smith here, Larry Stidham here. City Attorney Tom Smith and City Recorder/Treasurer Mike von Ree were present. State Senator Kim Hendren representing Berean Ministries gave the opening prayer. Mayor Warren led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Crose to approve the agenda for the meeting. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Comments from the Citizens:

No comments.

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 5/26/2011

Minutes of the May 26, 2011 Council Meeting were reviewed. Stidham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Crose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings 6/9/2011

Minutes of the June 9, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meetings were reviewed. Stidham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Howard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, four ayes, Rambadt abstained, motion passed.

New Business

Pool Grant Resolution

Attorney Smith read a resolution titled, "ARKANSAS RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT". Howard made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Stidham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Stidham aye, Howard aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes motion passed. The resolution number assigned was 062311-A.

3% Wage Increase for City Employees

After discussion, Howard made a motion to approve a 3% wage increase for city employees effective July 1, 2011. Crose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Stidham aye, Howard aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye. All ayes, motion passed.

Backhoe Bids

This issue was tabled to the July 14, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Discuss Placement of 12-Foot by 24-Foot Dwelling at 202 Dallas Street SW

The request was withdrawn.

Cemetery Ordinance Amendment

Rambadt made a motion to table the issue to the July 14, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting. Stidham seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Comments from the Attorney:

City Attorney Tom Smith informed the council of his intention to run for circuit judge in May 2012. He also stated that he is still practicing law in Gravette.

Comments from the Mayor:

Mayor Warren told the council that he had spoken to Jim Hendren about the possibility of extending sewer service to Hendren Plastics. EGIS Engineering will determine the best route for this extension.

Sewer Upgrade

No word back from ADEQ on the extension of our permit.

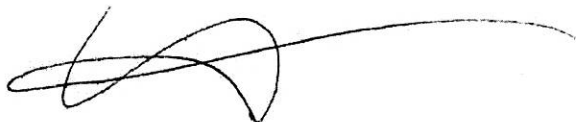
Municipal League Convention

Mayor Warren told the committee that he and von Ree attended the Municipal League Convention in Hot Springs. They spoke with a company that offered an option for our sewer plant at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000.00. This information will be given to EGIS.

Building Inspection

Corey Reardon and Larry Buffer will be training and taking over inspections for the city. Their salaries will be adjusted to account for the additional duties. Fire Chief Smith will also be doing fire code inspections. His salary will also be adjusted for the additional duties.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rambadt and seconded by Smith. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Michael von Ree
City Recorder/Treasurer